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1952 maintenance order
on 3rd page*

Wales, Alaska.
Feb. 26th, 1952.

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Dr. J. Earl Jackman.
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New York. 10.
N.Y.

Dear Dr. Jackman;

Your letter of Feb 20th; just arrived today; and in reply to what you say about basic food supplies; may I say I did not order; these Basic articles for the reason that; if I have such come in, on my Supply; all men are either out of town; or helping out in a skin-boat; with Lighterage; which makes it that ten year old girls and often young mothers; are the only persons to carry one hundred lb sacks of sugar, flour etc etc into my house; or into the store.

So I get such things; later; from the Store; and it supplies a man to carry them into my house.

This is the kind of treatment young girls; and young mother get; and then; every body; government, mission, husbands, traveling nurses; all complain; why is it; that so many Eskimo go tubercular.

While the young men; who wont go to work; where public work, is a bit stiff; just walk back and forth over the pathways of this village; day after day.

So dont worry; I manage somehow; right now I have a good supply of flour; ^{of} course it got wet from my leaky roof in 1951; but I will use it up; then get from the local store. Sugar etc the same way.

Teachers leaving in May 1951 - sold their food stuff to me - they may not sell to natives.

All Percy Ipalook left here in the food line; is some Dry Lima beans; some Navy (little white beans) and some Pancake flour. I sent the List of each amount of all of them to your office some few days after Rev. Armstrong left here; you surely have that List. As I have been using of the things; I have on hand; now; this;

Powdered Soap; (Rinso)--4 Large size Pkges; no weight given on it
" " (Borene)--2----4 lb pkges.

White Navy beans. // lbs

Dry Lima beans . 10 lbs

Pancake or Pastry flour----20 lbs

I only suggested; me using these to Rev Armstrong; because the soap was damp; and spilling out; flour and beans doing likewise.

After I got the roof on the oil room repaired; I moved Percy Ipalooks many trunks boxes etc of his things (he left scattered about in my house and some stored in my childrens Sabbath school room at the church) out into one end of the oil room; because I do not have space to LIVE, and even attempt to carry on the work; as I wish to do; and keep his trunks etc in my place. So what am I to do with them. Dwight Tevuk tried every boat that came here; going northward last summer; to get them to take Percys freight to Kotzebue; but they refused. I myself offered to give the Captain five dollars to take them; and still he refused for to take them. Is there anyway you could influence Percy to arrange to have his own possessions gathered to him.

But; please let me know the total of Bill for what I have of Percy's food stuffs; and I will pay it separate from my salary checks.

Also; when you have the Bill for goods I ordered this summer Supply, please let me know the bill (itemized; if you can; so in case I happen to need to sell some; I will know what to charge) as I wish to pay it separately.

It is not the Manse that needs repairs to its foundation; the main part of Manse has good heavy timbers; and plenty of them under it; and will likely stand yet for many, and many a year.

The fuel oil-room does not have so good a Base; but it is as good as when made about 1936 or maybe 1937; think the earth under it; stays frozen.

The old coal shed; or Lean-to; at northern end of Manse needs a new roof but after I had asked for shingles for it; I discovered; it is in many spots rotted out at the base-timbers, so I cancelled the order for shingles (you should have the letter) because I doubt if it is best to put the weight of such a roof on it. As it is; it will suffice for a good "wind-breaker" for the Manse for several years yet. Where it joins onto the Manse-roof, it ~~has~~ has pulled back several inches; which indicates it is sinking on its own base. I myself bought heavy timbers and put a floor in it; separate from its walls; years ago; which is still good, but movable; for other repairing.

I covered the open space between it and the manse roof; with tin-sheeting from the old large fuel oil furnaces; used the same under shingles where fuel oil room roof joins onto manse also.

This is maybe why Percy did not attempt to put this side of roof on the Manse; but I was here; and was getting too much water for comfort inside the manse; so utilized any material I could that was here.

I think best to let the repair of this Lean-to wait for this year. As most men who are "workers" not "Shirkers" will go and work for US Gov and MINE tin; just six miles below us this summer season; some will go far away to another Govt. Tin Mining camp, for all summer, maybe return, maybe no.

Now about the church; it is the one that seems to need something done But truly; I don't know what to say; to do for it.

When I repaired, and put in some new flooring last summer. I found the Joist rotted at the ends; and in bad shape; so we put in new ones; all over that section. That; we did in Bell-tower room; the main entrance place. We also extended new flooring part way back in the Hall way; replacing the rotted off ends of Joist; as was possible.

But I found the ends of Joist, and flooring; under the main Wall of the building all along where Bell tower joined onto it; rotten; a black dry like rot. And possibly the same condition exists all around the base of all walls.

When Rev. Youel advised me "Lining" the church (because we simply froze no matter how much we fire-up) about 1938. Before the new "Wainscoting"; a panel like affair that extends about 4 to 5 feet from floor up the wall was put on; the old; was then a black like rotten color 6 to 8 inches up from the floor; all along one side of the church.

Also; there is this to consider; that the weight of the roof; on the 6 pillar like posts we had to put in to "straighten" roof about 1937; when we put new shingles on it (it was like a hammock) is pushing the floor slowly downward too.

These Posts are three on each side of the main auditorium; midway between middle of church; and the outside wall.

The interior size of church is this; 50 ft long 38 ft width. without any cross pieces; of any kind; but some in the small attic.

And I found the Joist under the floor are joined (spliced) right in center of floor. under

And since the floor is rotted off along the wall; in the little room I use as the Utility and coal room in the church, and of course the floor is there going down also.

Rev. Armstrong says I put too much onto it. Well, I cannot pile my sacks of coal; outdoors; and expect to be able to get them; as needed thru winter when snow gets them covered ten to fifteen feet deep.

I must have, where I myself can get it; because one ^{man} cannot depend on any man-help; those who would help; are out hunting etc; for their families; and do try to be on hand for evening church meetings; even if their wife has to stay home with several small children.

So I put the coal into the church; divide it around; so as to divide weight.

But what seems to me would be a wise duty; due to church condition now; would be to build a room for the coal; and join it onto the present utility room at the church; and put the coal into it; and bring in only a sack or two as needed. This would keep it under cover; available; for me or anyone; in all kinds of weather.

I would suggest that you send lumber to make such a building, this year.

Size to be 18 ft long;
10 " wide;
15 " high.

*Lumber for this don't need to be "finished"
Except for Door-Posts - Door size is 7x5 ft.
7 1/2 x 3 " 8 inch*

To have timbers size like 6 x 8 x 10 ft -- 2 of them; for sides of Width.
" " " " " 6x 8 x 18 ft -- 2 " for sides of length.

Heavy timbers; as, ^{corners and} for sides as to be used under above timbers; foundation Posts.

Then enough of such timbers to be used as Posts under the floor Joists.

Heavy Joists for under floor; size 8 x 6 x 10 ft.

And heavy 3 inch planks for flooring.

Shiplap; to cover sides and sheeting for roof.

Cedar shingles to cover Shiplap sides; and the roof; to be same as church.

And a roll of Aluminum Sheeting to put on roof where it joins church Bldg.

I have a door here that will be alright to use.

Nails, Spikes etc as will be needed to make the above.

Building Paper for under all shingles; sides, and roof.

Then; if you will send me these things; have some one who can cipher this all out; give you the amount of materials needed.

And if the young man; whom folks would not employ; because of his prison record; does not go away to work this summer; possibly I can get him to do the work for me.

Or; what would be better still if you could contact our Louis Tungwenuk and get him to come back and do this work for me; you set the wages; as he has been working in Nome; and I don't think wishes to bring his children back into this environment; at all. If he would come; then this young man could work with him; unless Louis brings his own son; as he might do which would be alright; because for some reason the son has never left Nome to go where Swedish church wished to locate him.

But be sure; as to what time of summer; those materials are likely to reach here; for no matter what BOAT they come on from Seattle; if our Bay; waters; happen to be rough when it sees Wales; it will go north and we will see it here when snow is here and it is so cold and miserable; no one can work out doors; and we have to hustle our Supplies off the beach to save them; from ravages of weather and Sea. To have winter existence.

him → On second thought; I don't know if it would be wise; to try to get Louis to come back; he is good I know; but generally speaking; the people here "hate" especially our two Elders Dwight Tevuk, and Alfred Mazonna; all because Louis was "pushed" into being manager of our store; and he it was that used lumber mission had given them (but never used until after I got here; local scraping) and made the Beginnings of their present store Bldg; then Managed business so well; with government teachers help; who kept him in as Manager; got the store out of debt to government; and would give limited Credit.

Now Alfred is store manager; and a public statement; posted in the store just before Christmas showed advanced Credits; amounted to over \$7,000:00 which grows; daily. I am very sorry for the town Council's intellectual inability; to allow such to continue; but I may say nothing; or get in trouble

Louis's brother lives here; good carpenter; as Eskimo go. He would build the requested "coal-room" if he is not taken again to work for US Govt, as he did last year until late in Oct. But I need to have a rate of wages; or finances which I may use for that, to do so. He uses little English, makes it a bit difficult; but he is good worker.

Truly; I think we cannot do anything to the church foundation; as I can see. The Pillar Posts will hold up the roof for a long time; unless a bad storm come and caves it in.

The large Federated church in Nome has its floor going down; I have seen it; very badly on one side; and its authorities are doing nothing about it.

But; as for fuel space etc; they may have a basement; we could never have that here; we are too near "sea-level", but we would help the situation if we had a separate fuel-room.

Am sending you a little Drawing of the church; as it is now. And the place for the desired coal-room; is marked; and it can join to main bldg, on north side; and open into present utility room at present window; the upper part of which we would close entirely, bottom to be door.

And I have two good small windows that can be placed in coal room; so it will not be a dungeon; even in winter.

I am wondering about those large glass windows Rev Armstrong wanted to have put into one room; at the Manse. It is a mistake to have any window in this part of the country only one window; as we do in the states. In the section of the manse I use for myself during winter time; each window is three Sash; that is; I mean there are three windows; not one; it is this way in other places too; this is done to keep out the cold.

And besides the above; it is not wise to have one large glass; if it gets broken; what am I to do; it can't be replaced for another year; Supply time. Or as happened here this winter; as very small children "WILL SLIDE" on the drift that is up to the roof at the whole western end of my house (where Armstrong suggested the large window; also one on south side) and one little foot accidentally slide thru the window; but I happened to have another window inside; but I have stuffed; or Mayor did for me; rags in to keep out the snow until summer; then child's father will fix a new glass.

I think it would be much wiser; and last longer to have that space divided into two heavy framed Sash; with double strength glass or panes of suitable size to have nine panes in each Sash.

This would mean four Sash to fill that space where Rev wants to put the one large glass. I have lived here long enough to know; it is best to forget the "fancy" fixings; and get something suitable to the climate; and of a durable nature. You do as you please, but I know my suggestion will last longer and be more efficient.

These four sash would fix western window; and if you want southern window (now small) enlarged the same; then it will take 8 such Sash.

Sheet # 5 for Dr Jackman. dated Feb. 26 & 28th, 1952.

And I have discovered that the little folding Organ has had too much of Percy Ipalooks kind of treatment and is of no use to me; as it cant hold air enough for to carry a tune.

new air bag?
I knew the "rubber air bag" was almost riddled with holes; for I had spent much time patching it last autumn., after we finally got wooden legs put on ~~the organ~~.

Then; since there is no organ or piano at the goverment school; when teachers were getting the Christmas entertainment childrens program; ready; as we always; if teachers will co-operate with us; give one good program in the church on Christmas Eve. So teachers borrowed my organ and I lent it; as I had an interest in the program too.

Now I find it is simply useless to me; as I know the rubber air bag is worn out.

So may I have your permission to give it to the one young man; who had asked for it; he is married has a wife and three fine little boys. But the father is tubercular; not now active; I think it is a malignant form; as doctor told me years ago; the mother of this man; would give it to every child she gave birth to. He was rejected for army service; years ago; but came back; married; and lives here. Often plays organ for church etc; if he is able to attend.

So may I give him this old organ; and let him do as he wishes with it; as it is too weak for any use to me.

The young man with the infected hand has just come in for to have it dressed; and it looks much improved today; oh the mercy of God to us; is beyond our understanding, he and his young wife were both out to prayer service last night; but our weather was a real snow blizzard, and snowdrifts and valleys between them of 15 feet or more depth.

Now I will close and let you get disgusted with all this talking; but you asked for it. So I have tried to do as you wished. Otherwise, how can you know; if I do not tell you what is what.

I will be most thankful if you get this property business settled. As so often; new teachers; dont know what is theirs and what is yours. But they sure can stir up a mess; even trying to make out that Eskimo owned the church; to me; when he wanted me to let them use it for to show Pictures there; every Friday evening. I said; NO; only Wed. after prayer service

All too well; I know that is what our Elder Alfred Mazonna wants; as he is also back of the business of wanting new seats for the church; because he is wanting the ones we now have to use in the local National Guard Bldg where he has begun to have "something" going on Pictures, dancing etc etc Well; the Projector now dont work; and fuel is running short; so young men have to get out after hunting drift wood for fuel; a good thing too.

Sincerely yours

Emma M Stauffer

MAR 6 1952

Wales, Alaska.
Feb. 27th, 1952.

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Dear Dr. Jackman;

I don't think the last letter I wrote you; has left Wales yet, but anyway here comes another one, but a short one.

Since the word you sent about the future of the Manse here sounds good to me, I have sent an order for four articles for the manse here; to Sears Roebuck & Co, in Seattle, and have asked them to try to contact our Agent in Seattle; Rev. Arthur Kirk, at #106--N--73rd St, Seattle 4, Wash., and try to get my Order on the same boat that the mission fuel etc will come up on; and told them that the mission would pay the freight on them.

These four articles I have wanted very much; some because of the comfort they will be to me; and some to replace; broken article; that was past repair, and I gave it out to an Eskimo; to get it out of my sight, soon after I got back here.

But I am paying for these; for the manse and hope to get using them several months; if not longer myself; before leaving your work here.

I have written Rev Kirk today also; about the same as above; and he should get the letter as soon as you may get this; or sooner. unless you have the same kind of mail service we are having. I told him I would notify you and hope I have ^{not} done something that may get myself or any one else into difficulties.

The young man and his wife were just in for new Dressings to be put on his hand; it is still on the mend.

And again I solicit your prayers for the work here, and myself as I go amongst these folks; trying to do what seems best for all of us.

Gratefully yours

Emma M Stauffer

MAR 24 1952

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number the order*

Wales, Alaska.
Mar. 3rd, 1952.

Dr. J. Earl Jackman.
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Dear Dr Jackman;

Since I last wrote to you about repairs to the church, I happened to get an opportunity to consult with a young man; here; not a church officer; but one who has built himself a nice comfortable home; and what is more his wife tries her best to keep it clean.

As well as care for five children; and do many outside jobs that ordinarily a man should do.

So this is what the man said about the church. That the coal should be gotten out; and put into a small shed like room; with a plank floor; up on heavy timbers to keep it from getting frozen fast to ground.

Also he said the weight of the roof; was too much for its timber support; evidenced; when we had to put in supports for it; years ago; and this is helping to push the floor downward. This he says; will; in time; maybe not too far distant; make our heating stoves; off balance; and unsafe.

He suggested this should be done in order to save the building;

#1--- Holes cut in the floor; and better, heavier pillars put in; from the ground to roof; in the places where we now have the 3 pillars on each side of the auditorium.

#2--- After the above is done; then the flooring should be taken up; maybe all of it; maybe only around the walls; where it is going down. to see what part of the floor needs repair

#3-- This taking up of the floor; may reveal; that the ends of the Floor-joist; are rotted off; as well as the end of the side-wall Studding; may also need to be replaced by new pieces; part way up the lower section of the wall.

And my suspicions are that; all the floor joist would need replacing; for the ends I think are as good as gone; and the balance of each one badly out of line.

Sheet #2 for Dr Jackman dated Mar 3rd, 1952.

Now; could you consult; some man who is in the business of Building etc; and find out if it is advisable to go to all the expense of repairs for this building; or

salvage what we can from this one; if the wind caves the roof in; unless our little pillar like posts can resist the force of it, and build a new church.

In salvaging lumber from a wrecked building; usually one gets very little material that is sufficient; of any one kind; to be helpful in making a new building.

I myself; would like to see this building; repaired; before it gets too badly; sunken; that we cannot repair it.

The "bottom foundation timbers" under the bell tower room were good; likely because the earth stays frozen most of the time.

But others may be decayed; as I cannot see them; I cannot say.

As far as 99% of my Eskimo are concerned; they think the church is still alright; and get very much disgusted at me wanting to do repair work. Due to the fact they do not repair their own until it is ready to fall down.

But present indications are such that it seems this village thus far; has no indication of breaking-up; for at least a few more years. Until they manage their store so well; it goes into Bankruptcy; and they have to move out to some other place.

But as long as the government Welfare support comes in; they will likely be here. Unless the younger folks marry; and move out, because men do not want to hunt for meat supply as their fathers did; rather will endure very hard labor; anywhere they can get it; to get hold of CASH; to buy furs, and silks and satins, from Seattle markets; to clothes themselves; ahem; they sure dress better than I have ever used cash for to do.

But it will take a good "white man" to come up here and size up the needed repair work; and lumber, and Jacks etc etc to repair with. I have no Native; mentally capable of such a task; if some of them are here; they could help; but they won't do it for nothing and are so slow; at it; good white men would get disgusted; and be ready to "leave you" because of lack of active help.

But if a man comes; he should do it ~~this~~ summer season; when snow lets us see foundation; as much as possible. Then Order repairing material; which would not get here until the next Autumn; then the repair work could be done the next summer; by white men; as Leaders. Louis Tungwenuk would be good help; and one or two others here; IF they are not away working.

Hope you can get what I am trying to explain. I wonder is Rev. Bingle too busy to come over and take a look at the situation.

Sincerely yours

Emma M Stauffer

Code:

== Stairs

○ Coal Stove

—●— Pillar like roof supports

S.E. new; Side Entrance.

C.C.R. Primary S.S. Rooms

C.R. Present Coal room

B.T.R. Bell tower room.

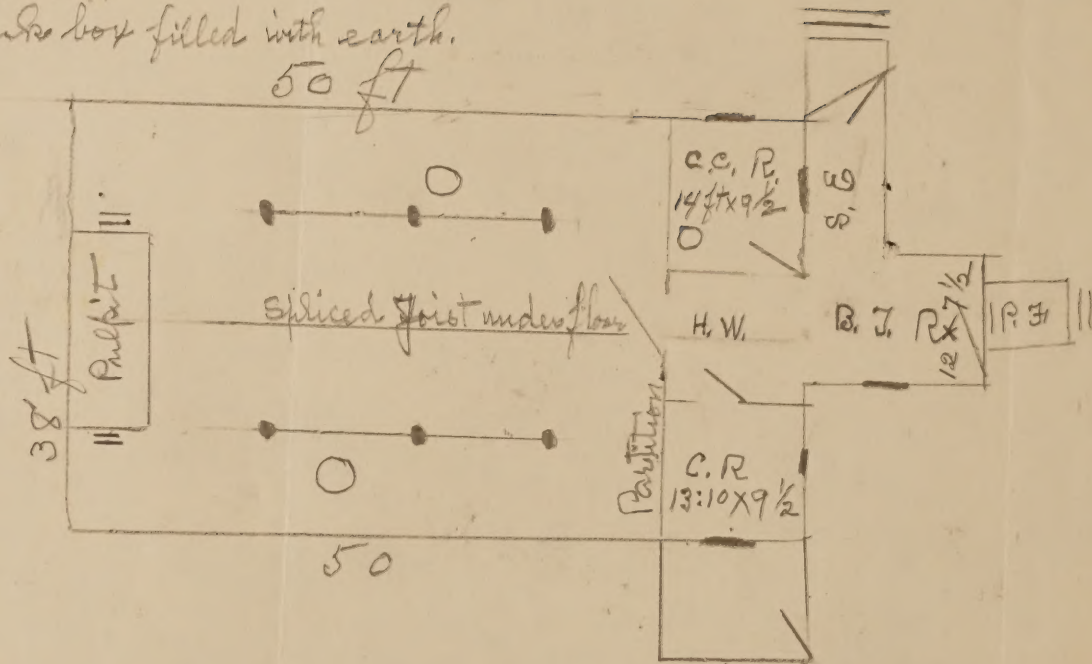
P.F. Platform. Planks box filled with earth.

50 ft

— Door.

- - - window

H.W. Hallway.

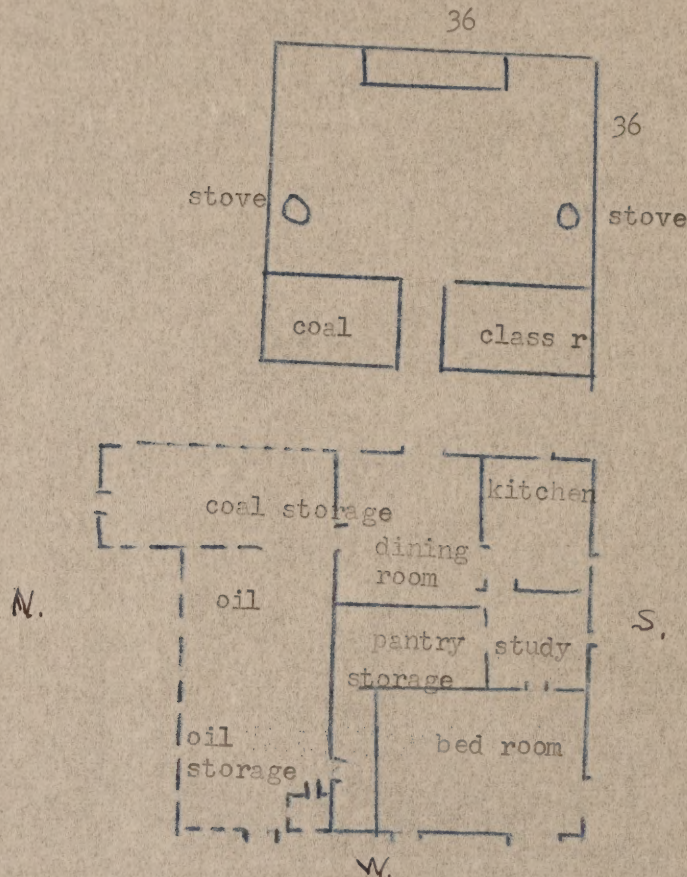


Outline of Wales property

Church location beside manse to the left

Present Manse on ANS property and belongs to them unless we may claim it by possession. Making search of property lines, etc.

R.R.A.



Manse has excellent possibilities of being remodeled for couple.

All windows tripple. Floors cold. Needs kitchen sink, etc. Window sash in front of building beyond repair. Investigate possibility of Thermopane - ~~5' 13/4 x 5' 13/4~~ 5' 13/4 x 5' 13/4 inside measurement of casing.

R. Armstrong